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supplement efforts in NATO by moving on broad front to prevent operation
southern routes where possible.

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Action addresses except Country should if no overriding objection perceived
such approaches host governments at highest appropriate level likely be effective
urging they not permit Soviet overflights or landing en route Cuba. Countries
concerned under no obligation, legal or otherwise, approve Soviet overflight
and landing requests since USSR not party to Chicago Convention and International
Air Services Transit Agreement nor, with possible exception Morocco (see Deptal
842 to Rabat), to any bilateral air transport agreement which accords USSR
necessary rights. Facts may also, as appropriate, cite significant Soviet
involvement in Cuba as springboard Cuban-Soviet ^{aggressive purposes} ~~aggression~~ and subversive moves
against Western Hemisphere and Free World, Soviet use of air transport as
instrument political penetration rather than commercial venture, facilitation
Soviet flights to Cuba only serves strengthen Cuban regime and promotes Soviet
use of Cuba as vehicle achieve its Cold War designs. We can not ignore US public
reaction if foreign countries acquiesce Soviet intervention Cuba by permitting
air access and you should mention this point if appropriate. Finally, you may
stress approval Soviet requests would accord USSR privileges not enjoyed recipre-
cally by country in question nor in fact by other countries (since USSR does not
permit overflights its territory to third countries).

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Embassy, CONAKRY
Embassy, RABAT
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